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# A WELCOME From Billy Montague (Club Secretary)

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the UTS Stadium this afternoon for this PITCHING-IN Northern Premier League East Division game.

Our opponents today are LONG EATON UNITED FC who make their first-ever visit to the UTS Stadium after their 160-mile long journey from just south-west of Nottingham. They are a very well established Club who play their home games at the excellent Grange Park Stadium.

Since their formation in 1956, United have made steady progress through the Leagues until they were promoted to the Northern Premier League at the beginning of the current season. During those years they have developed a solid base with several teams achieving multiple successes in Cup Competitions and Championships that brought promotions to a higher level. Their status has been steadily improved and the extensive ground improvements have achieved a Stadium that is the envy of many Clubs at this level.

The Long Eaton United playing squad has made a solid start to life in the East Division of the NPL and currently sit in eleventh spot in the Table. Their recent form has produced some superb results against quite a few Clubs who are pressing for the Play-Off positions. Manager Ian Deakin and his staff have assembled a very strong group of players containing some seasoned ex-professionals along with several younger performers who are tipped to achieve great things in the future. When the two Clubs met at the Grange Park Stadium way back at the start of October, Dunston received a very warm welcome. The game itself was an entertaining one with a five-goal thriller ensuing. Dunston came out on top by three goals to two but in truth, the result could have gone either way!

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Referee Chris Ellis travels from Newton Aycliffe and his Assistant Referees Jonny Schofield comes from South Shields and Karl Barron comes from Shotton Colliery. Our FA Match Observer is Brian Reilly who comes from Consett. Please make them all feel welcome.

Supporters old and new are very well appreciated and we hope you enjoy your visit to the UTS Stadium this afternoon. If you require any help or information about the Club and facilities, please do not hesitate to contact any Management Committee Member. Details of Part-Season Tickets, Executive Package, Club Merchandise, Concessions and Sponsorship Opportunities can be obtained from any Club Official or at the Club Office.

Let's look forward to a competitive match. Enjoy the game.



## Dunston FC Football Club History

The Club first saw light of day in 1975 as a humble works outfit. Long-serving Club stalwart, John Thompson, along with some of his fellow workmates at Her Majesty's Stationery Office Gateshead, decided to form a football team and joined the Newcastle City Amateur League playing at the Civil Service Sports Ground, Longbenton, Newcastle.

Early success inspired John to develop the Club and it moved to a new base, The Bay Horse public house in Whickham. The Club name was changed to Whickham Sports FC. Playing on public parks pitch in Dunston, the Club entered the Northern Amateur League. Numerous successes were achieved at this level including League Championships and League Cup wins.

In 1980 the Club joined the Northern Combination League. Further League and Cup triumphs followed and a move to a base nearer the home ground seemed logical. The Club moved to a new base at the Dunston Mechanics Social Club and became known as Dunston Mechanics F.C. As the club progressed, land in the locality was leased from Gateshead MBC and the management committee began to develop the present ground.

At this stage an approach was made to the Federation Brewery for sponsorship to assist in the progress of the Club. When they kindly agreed to become the Club's main sponsors, the name was changed to Dunston Federation Brewery F.C. After finishing as League Champions and League Cup Winners in 1987, the Club left the Northern Combination League and joined the Wearside League. Following a period of four seasons in the Wearside League – being League Champions twice and League Cup Winners once – the club felt a need to seek new opportunities and an application was made to join the prestigious Northern Football League.

During their time in the Wearside League, the club had made considerable improvements to Federation Park with progress to a higher status of football in mind, and their application to join the Northern League was successful. The Club had now realised one of its main ambitions and so entered the National Pyramid of Non-League Football.

In its second season in the Northern League, the Club won the Second Division Title and was promoted to the First Division. That season also saw the Club reach the last eight of the national FA Vase competition.

The Club was now an established Northern League Club having won the League Challenge Cup three years in succession from 1998 to 2000. Dunston also won the J. R. Cleator Cup in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. Season 2003/2004 was one to remember

when the club won the Northern League Championship for the first time and also lifted the League Challenge Cup. They also reached the final qualifying round of the F.A. Cup – the furthest they have ever reached in that competition.

After such a magnificent season in 2003/2004, the club went one better the following season when they repeated the Northern League Championship and Challenge Cup Double and also lifted the J. R. Cleator Cup once more.

In 2009, having been without a main sponsor for the previous three seasons, Mr. Shaun Sadler of UTS Engineering kindly agreed to provide a generous sponsorship package and it was agreed that the Club be known as Dunston UTS Football Club. The name of the ground was changed from Federation Park to The UTS Stadium.

The Club enjoyed a momentous season in 2011-2012 when, under the Management duo of Billy Irwin and Tony Harrison, they finished third in the Northern League and achieved the greatest success in their history. After a memorable run in the FA Vase, the side reached the Final at Wembley Stadium and went on to lift the trophy with a superb 2-0 victory over West Auckland Town.

After a few barren years, the Club sprang back to life again at the end of the 2017-2018 season when finishing as Runners-Up in the Durham Challenge Cup Final and going one better with victory in the Brooks Miles Memorial League Cup Final. Building on the new-found momentum, Dunston continued in the same vein in the following season with a great run in the FA Cup, going out in the final Qualifying Round to National League neighbours Gateshead in front of a record crowd of 2,525 at the UTS Stadium. The Club finished the 2018-2019 season as convincing Champions of the Northern League First Division, seventeen points ahead of their nearest rivals. Promotion ensued to the BetVictor Northern Premier North West Division but FA Regulations dictated that the “Club Playing Name” must not include any reference to a sponsor so the “UTS” was reluctantly dropped from the Club Title before the new season commenced. Shaun Sadler showed remarkable understanding of the situation and agreed to continue his wonderful sponsorship of the Club. With the aid of a generous grant from the FSIF, improvements were completed to bring the ground up to NPL standards.

The step up proved a bit more difficult than expected against tougher opponents in the NPL North West Division. Some promising early results were tempered by some setbacks, and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any great consistency. The early cancellation of League proceedings due to Covid-19 in March 2020 saw the Club finish in mid-table. After yet another early curtailment in 2020-21, Dunston added to the playing squad in time for the opening of the newly formed NPL East Division for the 2021-22 season. Some very good results were achieved but a

couple of disappointing runs resulted in a final sixth-place finish, just missing out on the end-of-season Play-Offs.

Over the years the Club has always recognised that success on the field must be coupled with hard work behind the scenes. The efforts of the management committee and ground staff at The UTS Stadium have ensured that the ground is a credit to the Club. Many of the backroom staff at the Club have been involved since it was founded in 1975. It's a tribute to their commitment and hard work that the Club has become one of the most successful and respected on the North East non-league scene.





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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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# CLUB NEWS

With 4 goals in 3 games over the course of January, there was only ever going to be one winner of the Player of The Month Award.

Congratulations to Carl Finnigan, who was named at the UTS Engineering Player of The Month for January after entering the new year in blistering form.



Following the postponement of our home fixture on January 21<sup>st</sup>, our home time with North Shields. has been rescheduled and will now take place on Tuesday March 7th with a 7:45pm KO.

# MATCH REPORT | SHILDON (H)

FT: Dunston FC 2-1 Shildon

Goals: Finnigan (38'), Pearson (89')

Att: 206

Dunston recorded their third consecutive win to further bolster their play-off hopes with goals in both halves from Carl Finnigan and Michael Pearson.

The first goal came seven minutes before the half-time break as a neat passage of play saw Finnigan score in fourth

game in a row. Shildon battled back and scored from the penalty spot courtesy of Billy Greulich-Smith to level the game up in the second half.

With just minutes to play, the win for Dunston was wrapped up as Pearson headed home from a corner after a sublime Phil Turnbull delivery.

Dunston named an unchanged starting XI for the third consecutive game. James Anderson retained his place between the sticks, whilst the inform Carl Finnigan started up front alongside Michael Fowler with Liam Thear and Richard Coulson operating either wing.

Shildon started the game the brighter of the two sides and should have taken the lead inside the first 60 seconds. Joe Posthill played the ball into the 6-yard box from the right-hand side where Jon Weirs fired a first time shot which was saved expertly by James Anderson.

The visitors continued to look dangerous every time they went forward and Posthill had another glorious chance after a quarter of an hour. The tricky wide





midfielder went one-on-one with Anderson however, the Dunston stopper was once again alert and made a fine save.

With 26 minutes on the clock, this time it was Jude Swailes who came to the rescue as he put in a fine sliding challenge to deny Alex White.

Afterwards, Chris Swailes made an early substitution as Jack Elliott replaced Liam Thear.

Elliott made an instant impact and almost had Dunston ahead within minutes of coming on. A ball over the top of Shildon's high defensive line found Elliott, who drove forwards and his goal-bound shot was blocked by Aiden Haywood.

Dunston began to grow into the half and had another great chance on 37 minutes. This time, Dunston were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box and Phil Turnbull stepped up and saw his effort tipped around the post by Harrison Bond.

A minute later, the deadlock was finally broken by Carl Finnigan who tapped home for his fifth goal in four games. A well worked move finished with Richard Coulson unselfishly squaring the ball to Finnigan, who slid the ball into the open goal from a couple of yards out.

The second half begin in unfortunate circumstances for Dunston as the visitors were awarded a penalty. James Anderson was harshly adjudged to have brought down Joe Posthill inside the area. Billy Greulich-Smith stepped up and rifled the ball into the bottom corner to level the game.

As the half progressed, chances were limited as both sides were unable to carve out any openings on goal. It wasn't until the 76<sup>th</sup> minute when the next big opportunity came. Dunston were awarded a free kick on the edge of the area for a push. Will Jenkins stepped up and fired a piledriver towards goal but, Bond made a miraculous save and palmed the ball around the post for a corner.

From the resulting corner, the ball fell to second-half substitute Michael Pearson who lashed a volleyed effort high of the target.

With the game in the final ten minutes, Shildon began to sit deeper and deeper. With 89 minutes played, Dunston were awarded another corner. Phil Turnbull floated the ball into the box, and it was met with a perfect header by Pearson into the bottom corner.

A header which sealed all three points for Dunston which makes it three wins on the bounce as we once again give our play-offs hopes another major boost.





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# Today's Visitors | Long Eaton United

## Management

### Ian Deakin – Manager

Ian Deakin joined Long Eaton United as the first-team manager in February 2020 and has since led Blues to the Quarter-finals of the FA Vase on 2020/21 and the United Counties League Premier Division title in 2021/22 – earning promotion to the Northern Premier League for the first time in the club's history.

### Craig Swinscoe – Assistant Manager

Swinscoe joined the blues alongside first-team manager Ian Deakin and coach Adam Campbell in February 2020. Swinscoe previously worked with Deakin at Ilkeston Town, where the duo helped The Robins achieve back-to-back promotions.

### Adam Campbell – Coach

Former Blues' player Adam 'Lefty' Campbell joined the blues alongside Deakin and Swinscoe. He joined after a title-winning campaign with step-seven side Stapleford Town in the 2018/19 Nottinghamshire Senior League season.

### Charlotte Kirkpatrick – Head physio

Charlotte joined the club in 2019 as Head Physio. Kirkpatrick owns CK Sports Therapy Clinic and has a wealth of experience in sports, having worked with AFC Mansfield, Mansfield Town Ladies, Sherwood Wolf Hunt ARLFC and the Notts County academy.

## Goalkeepers

Louie Turner – Turner joined the Blues on a month-long loan from Mansfield Town in January 2023 as part of his work experience.

Sam Wilson – Sam joined the Blues last summer and previously played for Mansfield Town U18's, where he played a key role in the EFL Youth Alliance title-winning team and made appearances for the U21's. Wilson played a vital role in helping The Blues reach the Quarter-Finals of the FA Vase, with two vital penalty saves against Hanworth Villa in 2020/21.

## Defenders

Luke Cox – Cox joined from Chasetown during this season and is a versatile left footed centre back who is tall, mobile, and quick around the pitch. The 20-year-old is a former Sheffield Wednesday professional and represented the Owls at U18 and U23 level.

Larell King – King is a Derby-born pacey and versatile wing-back. He has experience with Burton Albion Academy, Mansfield Town U18's and most recently Mickleover FC, where he made 21 appearances for their reserve side and scored five goals. He is known to have a dangerous long throw and an attacking-minded approach to his defensive duties.

Callum Minkley – Minkley joined The Blues in January 2023 and impressed on his debut with a clean sheet against Cleethorpes Town in a 3-0 win at Grange Park. The young centre half already has a wealth of experience having played for Gainsborough Trinity and previously captaining Derby County U23's.

Sam Parker – Sam joined the Blues prior to the 2021/22 season, after impressing at Kimberley MW the season prior. The full-back also gained vital experience playing for Derby's academy from a young age. He is versatile, tough-tackling, and can deliver a lethal cross. He was voted Player of the Season and Chairman's Player of the Season in the 2021/22 title-winning campaign

Tyreece Robinson - Robinson joined The Blues from Frickley Athletic in the summer of 2022 and brings substantial experience from his time playing for clubs in the Midlands. The former Derby County trainee is a physically imposing centre half with a keen eye for goal.

Keiran Walker - Walker has been at the club since the 2019/20 season and the strong and composed defender helped Long Eaton to a 9<sup>th</sup> place finish during that season. He played a vital role in their FA Vase Quarter-Final run and quickly became a fans favourite due to his lethal long throw and excellent defensive attributes. Walker was voted Manager's Player of the Season for his efforts in 2021/22.

Brad Wilson - Brad joined The Blues at the start of the 2019/20 season and over 30 competitive appearances at full-back were made before the season was null and void. The defender loves a slide tackle and can be relied upon to pop up and score a vital goal.

### Midfielders

Riece Bertram - Reice joined from Basford United mid-way through the season and having played as a number nine, a defensive midfielder and a central defender, Bertram is as versatile as they come. He has vast experience playing from Ilkeston Town, Belper Town, Matlock Town, Carlton Town and Basford United.

Danny Gordon - Gordon joined The Blues in summer 2020 and has been a mainstay in Midfield ever since. He was voted Fans Player of the Season following the title-winning campaign in 2021/22 and loves an FA Cup goal.

Tom Marshall - Tom joined The Blues in 2020/21 and has a short spell back at Long Eaton in the 2016/17 season, where he score three goals. He spent time at Ilkeston Town before returning and plays alongside his older brother Alex.

Jamie McGuire - McGuire is a natural leader and has a vast amount of experience playing in the football league for Fleetwood Town during their meteoric rise. He also made 100 appearances for Mansfield Town. He joined the club towards the end of the 2021/22 season and worked hard to earn his place in midfield.

James Taylor- James broke into the first team from the reserve side in 2019/20 and has great attacking and defensive qualities. He knows how to make an impact off the bench.

Jamie Walker - Walker is in his second spell with Long Eaton United after joining from Northern Premier League side Basford United in 2020. Walker is an experienced midfielder with an eye for goal, and he scored 20 goals just last season.

### Forwards

Tom Cursons - Cursons joined the club from Gainsborough Trinity during the 2022/23 season, and the free scoring forward is known to Blues fans for his exploits against them in a Trinity shirt and has a real eye for goal.

Ben Hutchinson - Hutchinson joined at the start of the 2021/22 season from UCFL Premier Division North side Eastwood CFC. The Nottingham-born striker has experience from time at Middlesbrough, Celtic, Swindon Town, Lincoln City and Mansfield. He has competed in the UEFA Champions League with Celtic.

Micah Jebbison- Jebbison re-joined the Blues at the start of the 2022/23 season after time at Altrincham last year. The Canadian-born winger is the older brother of Sheffield United and England youth international Daniel Jebbison.

Alex Marshall - Marshall had a short stint at Long Eaton back in 2016/17 before moving to Ilkeston Town the season after and scoring 23 goals in 35 games. The experienced forward was part of the Ilkeston team that won the Midland Football League in 2018/19, and then scored 29 goals in Long Eaton's title-winning campaign last season.

Rod Orlando-Young - Rod joined from Frickley Athletic in the summer of 2022 and has vast experience playing for the likes of Norwich City, where he made appearances for both the U18's and U23 sides. He also featured in the Red Bull TV reality show 'The Streets Don't Lie' where he won the chance to train with RB Leipzig in 2018.

Jack Rogers - Rogers joined in the summer of 2022 with experience from Ilkeston Town and Shepshed Dynamo. He has also featured for Derby County's academy and made several appearances in the U18 Premier League and UEFA Youth League. He brings bags of pace to any side and is deadly in front of goal.

# Club Profile | Long Eaton United



**Founded:** 1956

**Nickname(s):** The Blues

**Ground:** Grange Park

**Capacity:** 1,500

**Chairman:** Nick Dargan

**Manager:** Ian Deakin

**2021/22 League Position:** 1<sup>st</sup>  
out of 20

**Club Colours:** Navy Blue

**Notable Honours:** United  
Counties League Premier Division  
North Champions – 2021/22

Midland Football League Cup –  
Winner 2014/15

Fa Vase Quarter-Finals  
2020/2021

Northern Counties East League  
Cup 2008/09

Fa Cup Third Qualifying Round  
1965/66, 1967/68, 1970/71,  
1976,77, 2021/22





# Club History | Long Eaton United

## EARLY HISTORY

The club was established in 1956 and joined the Midland Football League in 1961. They were founding members of the Northern Counties East Football League in 1982. Long Eaton United has played



at Grange Park, Long Eaton, since their founding in 1956. In their first season, the team – then known as 'The Stripes' – finished second in the Central Alliance League Division One (South), behind Skegness Town.

In the club's second season, during the 1957–58 season, the Reserves won the Derby Senior League Cup, and in their third season, the senior team won the Division One (South) Championship. (At the time, Division One was the highest division.) In 1961–62, United were admitted to the reformed Midland Counties League, and finished in a mid-table position. Fellow Derbyshire clubs Matlock Town finished as Champions and Alfreton Town finished in last place. The reserve team took the honours the following season, winning the Central Alliance Division One Championship and the Derbyshire Divisional Cup. In 1965, United won the Derbyshire Senior Cup, beating Alfreton Town 1–0 at The Baseball Ground in Derby.

Eleven years passed before United won the Derbyshire Senior Cup again, and then Matlock Town were beaten 1–0 and 2–1 to bring the trophy back to Grange Park. But the reserves brought honours to the club by winning the Divisional Cup in

seasons 1970–71 and 1971–72, and the Notts Combination Premier Division Championship.

At the end of the 1981–82 season the Midland Counties League and the Yorkshire League merged, forming the Northern Counties East League as part of the ‘pyramid’ system. Because of a lack of ground facilities, United were placed in Division One (South) and – having lost a large number of players to nearby Ilkeston Town – they struggled for three seasons, until Pete Johnson became their manager. Under his guidance, United won a championship, were League Cup finalists (although they lost in a replay to Alfreton Town) and were promoted to the Premier Division.

## **RECENT HISTORY**

In 1989–90, hampered by their lack of floodlights, United moved into the Supreme Division of the Central Midlands League, and in 1990–91 were demoted to the Premier Division. In 1992–93 however, Jim Fairley Sr., who had previously resigned after suffering a heart attack, re-joined the club as its chairman, and the club reorganised.

By 1993–94, United were back in the Supreme Division under Jim Fairley Jr., who spearheaded the formation of the club’s Youth Section. In 1996, United won enough money in the Lottery to fund the construction of a Centre of Excellence. They began the project in 1998, installing floodlights and fencing, and building dressing rooms and multi-activity areas. In 1997, women’s football was introduced for youngsters, and today the club has two senior teams. By 2002, Grange Park had become home to more than 200 footballers and was promoted to the Northern Counties East League Division One. This was followed by promotion to the Premier Division at the end of the 2003–04 season.

In 2008–09, United gained a runners up spot in the Northern Counties East Premier League and were also League Cup winners that season.

In 2014–15, the club was moved laterally to the newly formed Midland Football League finishing third that season as well as lifting the Polymac Packaging League Cup beating Rocester 2–0 at Walsall’s Bescot Stadium. During that season, former Deloitte partner, Nick Dargan joined the club’s management team with the remit

of helping Chairman Jim Fairley and the committee develop a medium-term business and development plan for the Club. This has culminated in significant improvements to the club's facilities, incorporation as a Company Limited by Guarantee and the formation of a new Academy managed by Paul Holland.

Paul Holland and Andy Todd took over management of the first team from December 2018, through to the end of the 2018/19 campaign, with Paul Holland reverting to managing our CFC and Academy sides for 2019/20.

Ian Deakin and Craig Swinscoe, both former members of the successful Ilkeston Town management team, who oversaw back-to-back promotions, joined us in February 2020 at an exciting time for the club with significant investment in facilities taking place at Grange Park. In 2021/22, our first team had quite a remarkable season in the United Counties Football League Premier Division North – after a league re-shuffle that saw the Blues switch over from the Midland Football League after several years within the Premier Division – as Deakin's side were crowned league champions.



As well as a significant run in the Emirates FA Cup that saw the Blues reach the Third Qualifying Round and unfortunately fall to a narrow 3-2 defeat away to Southern League Premier Division side Stratford Town FC, Long Eaton earned some incredible results of their own. Victories came in the likes of a 7-0 win over Pinchbeck United at home, a 6-1 win over Quorn AFC away, a 3-0 win over third placed Anstey Nomads away from home and of course the final day title deciding 2-0 win over second placed Gresley Rovers. This outstanding squad of players finished the season on 89 points, registering 28 wins, five draws and only one defeat.

Ahead of the 2022/23 season, many ground developments were made thanks to sponsors and funding from the Premier League – a brand new extension was added to the clubhouse, a 1956 suite was built for pitch side hospitality, a new electronic irrigation system was installed on the main pitch to help with the maintenance of the grass, new seating was fitted into the main stand, our changing rooms were extended and general maintenance was completed around the ground. Also, as of July 1st 2022, Nick Dargan was appointed the new chairman/trustee of Long Eaton United FC, with Jim Fairley taking charge of operations and Paul Holland heading up the commercial side of the club.

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# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### JAMES ANDERSON

Anderson joins on a year- long loan from Northern Premier League Outfit Morpeth Town.

The young keeper shone during his time on loan at Whickham and looks to bolster Dunston's promotion credentials. Anderson has two appearances under his belt at Morpeth, one of which included a penalty save in an FA Trophy game against Warrington Town. Anderson links up with new goalkeeping coach Lee Kennedy in what sees an all-new line-up in Dunston's goalkeeping department.



### CRAIG BAXTER

Craig Baxter is a defensively strong and composed right back who brings a wealth of experience of playing higher up in leagues to the Dunston back line. Craig has a proven track record of success, a key player for The Mariners over a five-season spell and making 188 appearances and played an integral role in the Gateshead side which reached the National League playoff final at Wembley Stadium in the 2013/14 season.

Described as rock solid at the back and strong going forward, Baxter's signing was a major coup for Dunston UTS FC, and Craig's addition was obvious, with the full back picking up the 2021/22 managers player of the season, players player of the season and committee's player of the season



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Richard Coulson

Richie arrived in early December 2021 from Northern League side Whitley Bay. He has an eye for goal and picked up six goals in the back end of the 2021/22 season. Able to play anywhere across the frontline, Richie has added versatility to the Dunston side, and will be looking to kick on in the 2022/23 season. The forward has had spells with Seaham Red Star in The Northern League and prior to that had played for his local side Hazelrigg Victory for whom he scored 174 goals, registered 100 assists and won 31 Man of the Match awards in only 189 appearances.



### Sadó Djaló

Sadó arrived early on in the 2021/22 season from Northern League side Bedlington Terriers, where he had made a serious impression. His credentials were there for all to see, with the frontman scoring 11 goals for Dunston in a short period for the club. Sadó was quickly snapped up by National League North outfit Blyth Spartans, however under new boss Terry Mitchell his playtime was limited. A short loan back to the UTS Stadium has been followed by a more permanent deal, which sees Sadó return looking to ignite old form.



### Jack Elliott

Jack Elliott is a very talented player who returned to Dunston in September 2019 following a brief spell with Hebburn Town. He progressed through Newcastle United's Academy and has had spells at Consett AFC and Whickham. Jack adds speed to the Dunston side and causes headaches for full backs of opposing teams. Since his arrival, Jack has been an ever-present figure in the starting eleven and continues to give his all in a Dunston shirt.





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### **Carl Finnigan :-**

Carl arrived at the UTS Stadium in September 2022 following a period on the sidelines due to a health scare. After 8 months out, Finnigan will look to provide Dunston with experience and fire power up front, having enjoyed spells with Falkirk, Gateshead, South Shields, Whickham and Morepeth Town. The frontman was on fine form for South Shields, scoring 72 goals in 115 games, including one at Wembley in the clubs FA Vase triumph. Carl has also enjoyed spells in South Africa and Botswana, and will be looking to reignite his fine goalscoring pedigree in what is a lethal front line.



### **Tez Galbraith :-**

Terry Galbraith became Chris Swailes' second major signing of the 2020/21 season as the Club pulled off a major coup to bring the player back to where his footballing career began. On his signing, Dunston FC Manager Chris Swailes said, "For me he'll bring leadership, he's vocal wherever he plays, he'll bring experience, and these are valuable especially in this league". Galbraith made his name at Dunston FC as a youngster having joined from Redheugh Boys Club. He was a key player for Billy Irwin's FA Vase winning side in 2012 alongside Chris Swailes and Liam Connell.



Regarded as one of the brightest prospects in The Northern League during his first spell with the club, he left The UTS Stadium in November 2012 to join Darlington FC. During his seven seasons at Darlington, he would go on to win three promotion medals, making over 250 appearances and scoring over 50 goals for The Quakers and became a genuine favourite with their supporters. After leaving Darlington at the end of the 2019/20 season, Dunston moved quickly to secure his signature. Long standing Club Chairman Mr Malcolm James said, "When Terry became available it was just natural that we'd be interested in the lad". He added " We're a club that is looking to go forward; Terry Galbraith and recent signing Liam Connell are two lads who we've always wanted to bring back to the club as this is where their hearts are". Terry captained Darlington during the 2018/19 season and spent last season playing in The National League North. Considered to be one of the best left backs in the history of Dunston FC, he can play at the centre of defence, centre midfield and left wing, adding quality, leadership, and versatility to the Dunston side.

# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Michael Fowler :-

Michael Fowler arrived at The UTS Stadium having recently completed a Scholarship in The USA with Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. He started his career with Sunderland AFC before then moving on to Burnley, where he was a prolific scorer at youth level. Having completed a successful scholarship with The Premier League side, he then joined Fleetwood Town as part of their development squad. He has had loan spells with FC United of Manchester, Guiseley and Bamber Bridge, before moving to the UTS Stadium in July 2021. Michael hit the ground running in his first season and scooped the clubs top scorer award despite being at the club for just half a season.



### Jake Jensen :-

Jake was one of the multiple signings for the club in the summer of 2022. He was on a football scholarship in the United States for four years from Summer 2018 and that was where he most recently played. Jake is a technically gifted midfielder that brings energy and tenacity to the pitch along with a range of passing from the middle of the park. In his words, he tries to “emulate Bruno from the Toon.



### Will Jenkins :-

Will Jenkins signed on-loan from South Shields in August 2022 and will remain with the club until January 2023. Will is a talented midfielder who has come through the youth system at The Mariners and has gone on to make over 40 appearances for the South Shields first team at quite a young age. Will can play across the midfield and netted his first goal for Dunston at Bridlington Town on August 19th in the Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### **Ursene Mouanda :-**

Ursene joined Dunston FC from South Shields in early January 2020 and marked his debut with a Man of the Match performance in a 1-0 win away to Colne. Known as an athletic and competitive defensive midfielder, he was previously with Rangers before signing professional terms with Kilmarnock. A product of Monkseaton Academy, he was selected to captain England U18's Schoolboys in 2016, bringing him to the attention of numerous professional clubs. Following his release from Kilmarnock, he was quickly snapped up by South Shields. With competition for places at Mariners Park high, he spent the start of the 2019/20 season on loan at Blyth Spartans before arriving at The UTS Stadium and has been an ever-present member of Chris Swailes' side ever since.



### **Michael Pearson :-**

Having previously played for Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields, the current Club vice-captain joined Dunston UTS FC prior to the start of the 2015/16 season from Consett AFC, a season in which he would receive The Player of the Season Award. An industrious and combative player, he possesses a versatility which allows him to comfortably play in numerous positions, he has since gone on to play more than 100 games for Dunston, captaining the side on many occasions.



His outstanding performances during Dunston's 2018/19 Northern League title winning season saw him deservedly collect a plethora of awards at the end of the season namely, Players' Player of the Year Award, Management Player of the Season and Committee Player of the Season. During his time at Dunston, Michael has collected a Northern League winners medal, Northern League Cup medal and JR Cleator Cup Winners medal.

# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Brampoque Serra Da Silva Sá

“Brash” joined Dunston in the early stages of the 2022/23 season, primarily as a midfielder. The Guinea-Bissau born player links up with former teammate Sadó Djaló, and provides key cover across the whole of midfield.



### Craig Scott :-

Craig Scott transferred to the club from Newcastle Benfield in October 2018 to bolster the backline and went on to cement his place in the side, becoming the club’s captain and leading by example from the back. Craig is a very experienced player at Northern League level having previously had two stints at Ashington and a spell at Slough Town while working in the London area.

"Scotty" played a vital role for the club during the Northern League title winning campaign and continues to be an assured and composed figure in the back line.



### Jon Shaw :-

Jon signed for Dunston this summer from Northern Premier League side South Shields. Jon has a formidable record at non-league level within the North East, scoring 52 goals for Gateshead over two spells with the club.

The ex-forward, who has now moved back into a central defensive position, adds an abundance of experience to the Dunston side. Spells at Luton Town, Sheffield Wednesday and Rochdale AFC outline his class, and he will add versatility and strength to the Dunston backline.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Dan Staples :-

Dan signed for the club in July 2022 after impressing during pre-season. The goalkeeper has spells with Newcastle United, Sunderland, Wrexham and Bedlington Terriers. Most recently, he was at Consett and made a huge impact in his first appearances in cup-competition against North Shields in the 2021/22 season. He saved a penalty inside the final five minutes to ensure his side the victory.



### Jude Swailes :-

Having been with Newcastle United since he was a youngster, Jude emerged through the club's Academy system, before moving up into the ranks of The Premier League side's Under 23's squad. Making over 30 appearances in a black and white shirt, across both the Premier League Under-18's and Under 23's in Premier League 2, the highly regarded youngster was offered a two-year contract at St James' Park at the end of last season. Jude decided against the offer, in favour of a move to the USA, where he joined Charleston College in South Carolina. Jude is a strong thorn in the Dunston back line, and can be described as a no-nonsense centre half, willing to put his body on the line for the club.



### Jake Turnbull :-

Jake Turnbull signed for Dunston on New Year's Eve 2021 from Northern League side Newcastle Benfield, and the pacy winger has had previous spells with Ashington and Heaton Stannington. Jake has kicked on since his arrival and has proved a tricky player for opposition defences to deal with. Following his signing for the club, assistant manager Jon MacDonald stated: "Jake is a very good athlete player, he's quick, strong and versatile and we think he has a good profile for this division".



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Liam Thear :-

Liam Thear has been at Dunston for a large number of years and moved to the club after completing a successful stint at Gateshead FC Academy, where he was highly rated. Following his release, he was snapped up by then Dunston manager Billy Irwin.

"Scrappy" is a very strong and tricky player who has matured and developed tremendously whilst at Dunston. After a superb start to last season, Liam suffered a serious ACL injury in The FA Cup fixture at home to local neighbours Gateshead FC last season. Since his recovery, he has proved to be a vital asset to Chris Swailes' side, fighting for every ball and contributing with both goals and assists.



### Phil Turnbull :-

Central midfielder Phil Turnbull can play with either foot and is described as a fiercely competitive player and joined the club along with ex-teammate Craig Baxter in 2021. Having started out at Hartlepool United before joining York City, with loan spells at Blyth Spartans and Gateshead, a permanent move to Gateshead in 2008 seen him play over 300 games for the Tynesiders and played a vital role in the National League season which saw the Heed reach Wembley.



### Jack Camarda:-

Jack Camarda comes to Dunston UTS looking to add extra quality to an already exciting midfield. In the past, he spent various spells at Oldham Athletic, Mansfield Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers as a junior, before landing a two-year academy scholarship at Fleetwood Town. T

More recently, Jack has been playing for island club Isle of Man FC, where he quickly established himself in the starting XI during the club's inaugural season in the NWCD West Division. Now studying Sports Science at Durham University, Camarda looks to add fire to Dunston's midfield when required, with the youngster bringing speed, trickery and agility to Chris Swailes' squad.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## Managerial Profiles



### **Chris Swailes :-**

Chris was appointed manager October 2016 after the shock departure of long serving Billy Irwin, Swaz has a wealth of football experience, after a long professional career he played for Gateshead and Blyth Spartans before joining Dunston and was a lynchpin in the team when we won the FA Vase in 2012, he then moved to Morpeth Town where he guided them to more Wembley success, scoring in the final victory over Hereford FC.



### **Jon McDonald:-**

A Wallsend lad, Jon made the move to The UTS Stadium in early March of 2021 from Northern Premier League side Morpeth Town, where he had held the equivalent position for three seasons. During his second spell at Craik Park, he had been part of two successive promotions with “The Highwaymen” and a Northumberland Senior Cup victory in the 2018/19 season. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. He has previously managed Blyth AFC, guiding them to The Northern League 2nd Division title in the 2017/18 season, as well as managerial spells with West Allotment Celtic and North Shields in The Northern League. Jon successfully completed his UEFA A License with The Scottish FA in March 2022.



### **Mark Scott :-**

Mark joins the club with experience in coaching at South Shields FC and North Shields FC where he worked with assistant manager Jon McDonald, More recently, he has spent time at Spennymoor Town FC where he was part of the academy coaching staff. He holds a UEFA A License and will be a superb addition to an already vastly experienced coaching set up.

Upon joining the club, Mark said: “I’m delighted to join the club. As an opposing player and coach over the years I have always admired Dunston as a well-run and successful club.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## Managerial Profiles



### LEE KENNEDY

Lee joined Dunston in July 2022 and has immediately jumped into the task. Lee brings with him a wealth of experience, working with a range of teams at all levels of the game. Lee will look to pass on his knowledge and skills to Dunston's new breed of goalkeepers, following the departure of stalwart's Liam Connell and Andrew Clark, as the club look to push on under the helm of Chris Swailes.



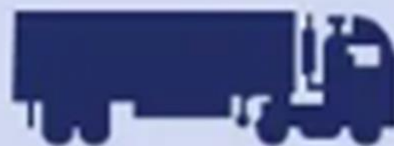
### LEWIS BLACK

Lewis joined Chris Swailes' back-room staff in July 2021 having completed three years of studying at Newcastle College University Centre, graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree in Exercise & Sport Rehabilitation.

Alongside his studies he completed a three-year placement at Park View Academy of Sport and was able to develop his skills as a practitioner. Following on, he then became sports therapist for Chester-le-Street United.



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Goals: Shaw (20'), Thear (52') Fowler (63')

## LONG EATON 2 DUNSTON FC 3

Dunston continued a fine run of form in October with a 3-2 win away at Long Eaton United. Ben Hutchinson put the hosts 1-0 up inside the first 2 minutes but, Dunston responded well. A volley at the back-post by Jon Shaw brought us level, before Liam Thear and Michael Fowler put us 3-1 up in the second half. Long Eaton made it a nervous end to the game as Jermaine Hollis pulled a goal back with 20 minutes to go. Dunston were able to hold on and regain a spot in the play-off positions.





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# INTERVIEW | Jon McDonald Post-Shildon

Dunston made it three wins in a row on Wednesday night as a battling performance saw us come away with a 2-1 win against Shildon. January's Player of the Month Carl Finnigan opened the scoring before Michael Pearson clinched a late winner in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute after Shildon had equalised from the penalty spot.



Following on from Wednesday night's last-gasp victory, Assistant Manager Jon McDonald discussed the importance of the win against an inform Shildon side:

Jon McDonald discussed the importance of the win against an inform Shildon side:

*"I think tonight's game was a massive game, so to get three points in the manner that we did is massive. We have to give credit to Shildon overall, they played well, certainly in the first 30 minutes. They were well on top and for some reason we didn't get going. I think it's the sign of a good team when you're not playing at your top level, and you come away with three points."*

Jon also talked about they goal in the dying minutes from Pearson to win us the game.

*"I'm delighted for Michael Pearson whose come off the bench, it's a great delivery from Twinny [Phil Turnbull] and a great header. We've probably got out of jail in terms of the performance but obviously we are delighted to come away with three points."*

Looking ahead to today's fixture as we welcome Long Eaton United for the first time to The UTS Stadium, McDonald aims to build on the three points that we picked up against Shildon.

*"It's another home fixture and it's a long trip for the opposition. We'll be looking to build on tonight's three points. That three wins on the spin so we'll be hopefully this is the start of another good run. It has also cemented our place in the play-offs. The performance overall wasn't where we want it to be but, just to come away with a scrappy three points... we're delighted."*



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1.	<b>Worksop Town</b>	24	12	1	0	9	1	1	21	2	1	73	15	58	<b>65</b>
2.	<b>Stockton Town</b>	25	8	1	4	6	3	3	14	4	7	49	28	21	<b>46</b>
3.	<b>Stocksbridge Park Steels</b>	23	6	2	3	8	2	2	14	4	5	41	24	17	<b>46</b>
4.	<b>Hebburn Town</b>	23	7	1	3	7	3	2	14	4	5	37	31	6	<b>46</b>
5.	<b>Dunston</b>	23	6	3	3	5	3	3	11	6	6	42	31	11	<b>39</b>
6.	<b>Cleethorpes Town</b>	23	6	2	4	4	3	4	10	5	8	31	29	2	<b>35</b>
7.	<b>Grimsby Borough</b>	23	3	3	4	6	2	5	9	5	9	34	37	-3	<b>32</b>
8.	<b>Pontefract Collieries</b>	23	5	4	3	3	3	5	8	7	8	47	40	7	<b>31</b>
9.	<b>Brighouse Town</b>	23	5	1	6	3	3	5	8	4	11	40	38	2	<b>28</b>
10.	<b>Consett AFC</b>	22	4	2	5	3	5	3	7	7	8	35	36	-1	<b>28</b>
11.	<b>Long Eaton United</b>	23	3	4	4	4	3	5	7	7	9	36	41	-5	<b>28</b>
12.	<b>Lincoln United</b>	23	3	4	4	3	5	4	6	9	8	39	45	-6	<b>27</b>
13.	<b>Sheffield</b>	21	4	4	1	3	2	7	7	6	8	31	37	-6	<b>27</b>
14.	<b>Ossett United</b>	22	3	3	5	3	5	3	6	8	8	31	29	2	<b>26</b>
15.	<b>Bridlington Town</b>	23	4	5	3	2	3	6	6	8	9	25	44	-19	<b>26</b>
16.	<b>North Shields</b>	21	4	5	3	1	2	6	5	7	9	22	30	-8	<b>22</b>
17.	<b>Shildon</b>	22	3	3	5	3	1	7	6	4	12	24	39	-15	<b>22</b>
18.	<b>Grantham Town</b>	22	1	3	6	3	6	3	4	9	9	22	30	-8	<b>21</b>
19.	<b>Carlton Town</b>	22	2	2	8	3	2	5	5	4	13	24	44	-20	<b>19</b>
20.	<b>Tadcaster Albion</b>	25	1	6	5	0	2	11	1	8	16	20	55	-35	<b>11</b>







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